



# House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 7093  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 17, 2019

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO INCREASE  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study how to increase employment opportunities for persons with  
3 disabilities. The task force shall study and make recommendations  
4 concerning matters including, but not limited to, (1) expanding  
5 existing employment assistance programs for persons with disabilities,  
6 and (2) establishing financial incentives for businesses to employ more  
7 persons with disabilities.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
10 one of whom is an employed person with intellectual disabilities and  
11 one of whom is an employed person with physical disabilities;

12 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
13 of whom is an employed person with intellectual disabilities and one

- 14 of whom is an employer of persons with disabilities;
- 15 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
16 Representatives;
- 17 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
19 Representatives;
- 20 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 21 (7) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the  
22 commissioner's designee;
- 23 (8) The Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, or  
24 the commissioner's designee;
- 25 (9) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;
- 26 (10) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, or the commissioner's  
27 designee;
- 28 (11) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
29 designee; and
- 30 (12) The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, or the  
31 commissioner's designee.
- 32 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (3),  
33 (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the  
34 General Assembly.
- 35 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
36 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
37 filled by the appointing authority.
- 38 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
39 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force

40 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
41 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
42 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

43 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
44 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
45 Department of Developmental Services shall serve as administrative  
46 staff of the task force.

47 (g) Not later than February 1, 2020, the task force shall submit a  
48 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
49 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
50 relating to finance, revenue and bonding, human services, labor and  
51 public health, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
52 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
53 submits such report or February 1, 2020, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study and develop recommendations to increase employment opportunities for persons with disabilities. The task force shall submit its findings and recommendations to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding, Human Services, Labor, and Public Health Committees by February 1, 2020.

This bill has no fiscal impact as PA 17-236 prohibits transportation allowances for task force members.

House "A" alters the membership of the task force that will not result in a fiscal impact.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 7093 (as amended by House "A")**

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**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18    Nay 0    (03/07/2019)